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In re Application of:

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For:	FLOW CONTROL VALVE AND CYLINDER APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B is submitted herewith.

Additional Information Not Listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B

A copy of a Japanese Office action dated January 20, 2009, and an English translation thereof, which Office action was received in the Japanese Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application, is submitted herewith.

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Copies of the documents listed in the Office action are not provided herewith, since the listed documents are already made of record in the above-identified application.

Please note that JP 56-123866 is equivalent to U.S. patent no. 4,495,965;

JP 56-150677 is equivalent to U.S. patent no. 4,432,385; and

JP 2000-199503 is equivalent to U.S. patent no. 6,279,451.

#### Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the earlier of the mailing date of a final rejection or Notice of Allowance sent in this application but before payment of the Issue Fee. The certification required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted separately or below. A petition to the Commissioner and the appropriate fee pursuant to §1.17(i)(1) are submitted herewith.

#### Certification

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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